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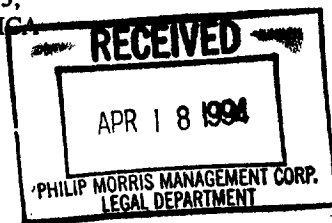
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# CONFIRMATION



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Our ref:PADL/CS/31787  
Your ref:PM 1337

Dear Charles,

Norwegian Patent Application No.905151  
Our file: 31787

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**FAXED**

Thank you for your fax letter dated 30th March 1994.

I confirm that I have sent a suggested re-worded claim 15 to our Norwegian associates for inclusion in a response. The wording I have adopted is as follows:

"An article according to any preceding claim, characterized in that the control means comprises a selector (901) for selecting one of the pre-measured charges of flavour generating medium, means for initiating supply of a pulse of electrical energy to the heating means to heat a selected charge when the consumer puffs at the article, and timing means (902, 903) for maintaining the applied pulse for a predetermined time to ensure release of a predetermined amount of flavour-containing substance."

I have attempted to expand on the wording used in the existing claim by making it clear that the control circuitry includes timing circuitry which controls the length of time for which energy is applied to any of the resistive heaters. In the control circuit shown in Figure 10 of the application this equates with the timer 902 and the counter 903.

I hope this will be sufficient to overcome this objection. I shall let you know if our Norwegian Associates have any further points to add.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P.A.D. Lloyd".

P.A.D. Lloyd

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